GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF LPG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of shortage of LPG is due to illegal storage of LPG and oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken by the Government to solve the problem and to check illegal storage of the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): No, Sir. OMCs have not reported any instance of illegal storage of LPG in the country.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that at present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country, and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the requirement of customers registered with the LPG distributors. However, OMCs had reported occasional backlog in certain States/Union Territories due to natural calamities such as floods, road breaches, collapse of bridge and stoppage of work by various sections of employees, transporters and contract labourers, hartals etc. The Government has advised OMCs to liquidate the backlog in the States/UTs by operating the bottling plants on holidays & by extending hours of working.